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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIA ON USG CANDIDACY FOR SEAT ON WORLD  
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We delivered reftel dipnote and demarche on July 7 to Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) UN and Commonwealth Affairs Director Nicholas Turner and Executive Officer Gemma Huggins. Huggins said that the GOA should have an agreed interagency response available after the first week of September when officials from DFAT and the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) consult in advance of the General Assembly meeting in October (septel). During a July 8 follow-up conversation, DEH staff suggested that U.S. officials raise reftel demarche with DEH Director David Walker at the July 10-17 meeting of the World Heritage Committee in Durban. Walker is staying at the Durban Hilton, Phone: (27) (31) 33-68-100.

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